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By: Teresa D. MorganName: Teresa D. MorganAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002.
In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request
favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (Once Amended) A stool, comprising:
- (a) a seat;
 - (b) a base having a front end and a back end, said base being elongated from the front end to the back end and defining a longitudinal axis;
 - (c) a post connecting said seat to said base;
 - (d) a stabilization structure positioned rearward of the post;
- said base including a first contour located forward of said post, said first contour having a first convex curvature in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis for allowing side to side pivoting;